

13 What's the weather like?

There are many ways to talk about the weather. Use the verb "to be" with weather words and phrases to describe the temperature and conditions.

 **New language** Weather descriptions

Aa Vocabulary Temperature words

 **New skill** Talking about the weather

13.1 KEY LANGUAGE TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

To ask about the weather, say: "What's the weather like?" To answer, use the verb "to be" with the correct weather word or phrase.



What's the weather like?

"Like" is a preposition here, not a verb as it is in "I like music."

Okay, but there are **a lot of clouds**. It's **cloudy**.

Use "a lot of" with a noun to show the amount of cloud.



13.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER



Beautiful! It's really **hot** and **sunny**.



Horrible! It's **raining**. It's **wet** and **cold**.

Use the present continuous to say what is happening with the weather now.



Really cold. It's **snowing** a lot and it's very **icy**.



There's a **storm** coming. It's very **windy**.



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13.3 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT SENTENCES



This is a beautiful place, but I really want it to be sunny. It's dark and cloudy all the time.

1



The weather's good, and it's windy today, so we're going sailing with Sue and Louis.

2



The weather is beautiful here. It's hot and sunny, and I'm having a great time.

3



There's a lot of snow, so the children are having a great time. They want to learn how to ski.



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13.4 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL



The weather's lovely here in San Diego. It's really sunny.

1



Oh no! I hate this weather. It's _____ again.

2



I can't ride my bike in these conditions. It's too _____.

3



Be careful! There's _____ on the road.

4



Wow! It's really _____ outside today.

raining

ice

~~sunny~~

stormy

foggy



13.5 KEY LANGUAGE THE TEMPERATURE

Temperature can be given in "Fahrenheit (°F)" or "Celsius (°C)." In spoken English, use the verb "to be" with a temperature phrase to talk about how hot or cold it is.

How **hot** is it?

How **cold** is it?



TIP

You mostly hear "Fahrenheit (°F)" in US English, and "Celsius (°C)" in UK English.

In spoken English, "boiling" means "very hot."



It's **boiling**.



It's 27 degrees Celsius. I'm **hot**.



It's **warm**.

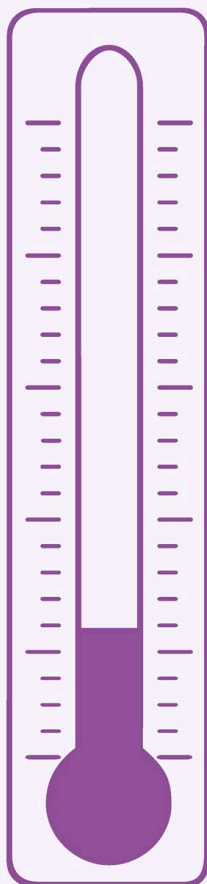


It's **cold**.



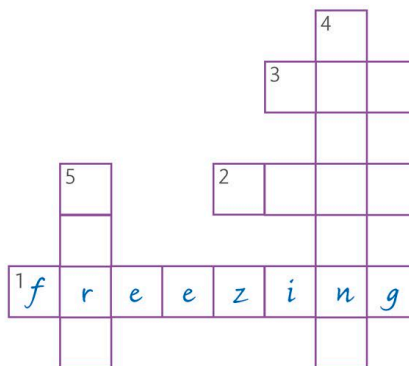
It's 10 degrees Fahrenheit. I'm **freezing**.

In spoken English, "freezing" means "very cold."



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13.6 READ THE CLUES AND WRITE THE ANSWERS IN THE CORRECT PLACES ON THE GRID



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- 1 It's very cold outside. The temperature is 5°F at the moment, and I'm freezing.
- 2 I'm really _____. Can we have the heating on tonight?
- 3 Sandra says it's _____ in France today. It's more than 85°F.

DOWN

- 4 The sun is out and it's 115°F in Turkey today. It's _____.
- 5 It's _____ outside today. Everyone's wearing T-shirts.

~~freezing~~

boiling

cold

hot

warm



13.7 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



A radio presenter describes the weather across North America.

Where is it 72 degrees Fahrenheit?

Kansas ☐ Boston ☐ Denver ☒

1 What is the temperature in Calgary?

52°F ☐ 55°F ☐ 60°F ☐

2 Where is there a storm at the moment?

San Francisco ☐ Seattle ☐ Portland ☐

3 Where is there snow today?

Vancouver ☐ Edmonton ☐ Anchorage ☐

4 Where are there no clouds?

Phoenix ☐ Houston ☐ Dallas ☐



13.8 WRITE EACH SENTENCE IN ITS OTHER FORM

There's a lot of fog.

It's very foggy.



1 It's very icy.



2 There's a lot of wind.



3 There's a lot of rain.



4 The sun is shining.



5 It's very cloudy.



13 CHECKLIST



Weather descriptions ☐



Temperature words ☐



Talking about the weather ☐



REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 11-13

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
SAYING YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL	Are you okay? No, I'm not feeling very well .	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.1
HEALTH PROBLEMS	I have a broken foot . My foot hurts . I have a pain in my head. I have a headache .	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.3, 11.4
TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER	What's the weather like? Okay, but there are a lot of clouds . It's cloudy .	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.1, 13.2
GIVING THE TEMPERATURE	It's 27 degrees Celsius . It's 10 degrees Fahrenheit .	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5
TEMPERATURE PHRASES	How hot is it? It's boiling . How cold is it? It's freezing .	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.5